

April 30, 2021

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$500,000 in funding for Sussex County's Elderly, Veteran, and Employment Services Transportation Services Project for fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the County of Sussex, located at One Spring Street, Newton, NJ 07860. The entity is a local government entity. The project location is the same as the recipient location.

The funding would be used for the replacement of vehicles within the Sussex County Office of Transit. Sussex County Office of Transit provides more than 65,259 rides a year to County residents through public transportation and paratransit services. These services include assisted transportation, employment transportation, veterans transportation, and senior citizen transportation. The specific request is for five (5) extended cutaway buses (16 passenger plus 2 wheelchair).

Funding for this project is essential and is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds to address the transportation needs of the most vulnerable populations in Sussex County including the elderly, disabled, and veterans. Given Sussex County's demographics and topography, residents are extremely dependent upon the County's Office of Transit as there is little or no public transportation outside of the services provided by the County. This project will preserve and create new opportunities for people to secure and maintain employment within the County by facilitating their ability to get to and from their jobs.

I certify that neither I, nor my immediate family, has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Josh Gottheimer

MEMBER OF CONGRESS